

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 393

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Edgar Keene "E.K." Bratton.

WHEREAS, it was with a deep sense of loss that the Tennessee General Assembly and the citizens of Trousdale County learned of the death of Dr. Edgar Keene Bratton.

WHEREAS, Dr. E. K. Bratton was a general practitioner in Trousdale County and served the people there with distinction for 44 remarkable years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bratton attended Castle Heights Military Academy and received his B.S. and M.D. degrees from Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, he thereafter completed an internship at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan and a Surgery Residency at Vanderbilt VA Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bratton founded the Bratton-Morrow Clinic, which was later expanded to become the Hartsville General Hospital, now the Trousdale Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, he was known by his peers as a hard worker who consistently demanded excellence of himself and from those around him; and

WHEREAS, he was the Outstanding Athlete of 1943 at Castle Heights and All-SEC fullback at the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bratton was a strong supporter of the Hartsville Yellow Jackets, a lifetime member of the Vanderbilt Commodore Club, and a founder of the Fred A. Vaught Library; and

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WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Bratton; two sons, Chris of Lexington, and Randy of Hartsville; four daughters, Teresa Blomquist of Greensboro, NC, Sherry Leffers of Tampa, FL, Debbie DeMoss of Atlanta, GA, and Camilla Callaway of Columbus, GA; eight grandsons: Gus, Ian, Michael, Adam, Ralph Jr., Aaron, Edgar, and Hunter; eight granddaughters: Kate, Emily, Kerstin, Mary, Nichole, Susanna, Rebecca, and Camilla Jo; a sister, Mrs. Sue Oakley of Hartsville; sisters-in-law, Sara Jovett and Jean Tuckett; brothers-in-law, Ray Jovett and Mr. James Oakley; a nephew, George Tucker; and four nieces, Kathy McCall, Linda Sanders, Rebecca Coonce, and Susan Koller; and

WHEREAS, several doctors have come and gone during Dr. Bratton's tenure here, many of whom have played a part in affecting our health. But Dr. Bratton was extra special. He affected our hearts. He was Hartsville's doctor. He was Hartsville's friend. His entire life was spent in service to this country; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor the memory of this distinguished Tennessean who has contributed significantly to the well-being of others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Dr. Edgar Keene Bratton, reflecting on his many selfless contributions to the city of Hartsville and its residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.